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## Freshman enrollment decreases across state

*Harding's numbers increase overall despite fewer new students*

**JONATHAN MELLISH**  
Staff writer

In line with a trend affecting all large private universities in the state, the number of incoming freshmen attending Harding fell to 1,020 for the fall semester, down 46 students from last year.

Overall, however, the university grew by 78 students for a record enrollment of 5,354. Fifty states and 41 foreign countries are represented in the student body.

The growth is attributed to a nine percent increase in the graduate program, which numbers 1,280 students on the Searcy campus and the North Little Rock Professional Center. An M.B.A. program added this fall contributes to some of the Professional Center's growth.

Enrollment at the Graduate School of Religion in Memphis also increased to 231 students.

Administrators at universities throughout the state blame a struggling economy and the loss of Arkansas' two largest scholarship programs for the downturn.

"Generally the feeling amongst private school presidents is that economic problems are causing more people to go public," President David Burks said.

Hendrix College, John Brown

University and Ouachita Baptist University all experienced a drop in freshman enrollment.

The Arkansas Democrat Gazette reported that the loss of the Academic Challenge and Governor's Distinguished scholarship programs last fall played a large role in the statewide enrollment decline at private universities.

The scholarships were restored in May, but the late decision caused a fewer number of applicants.

The slide in freshman enrollment is a new experience for Harding, Arkansas' largest private university, which has experienced rapid growth for many years. However, Burks said this is not the first time the freshmen enrollment rate has been down.

According to Burks, the university usually attempts to keep growth within a certain range.

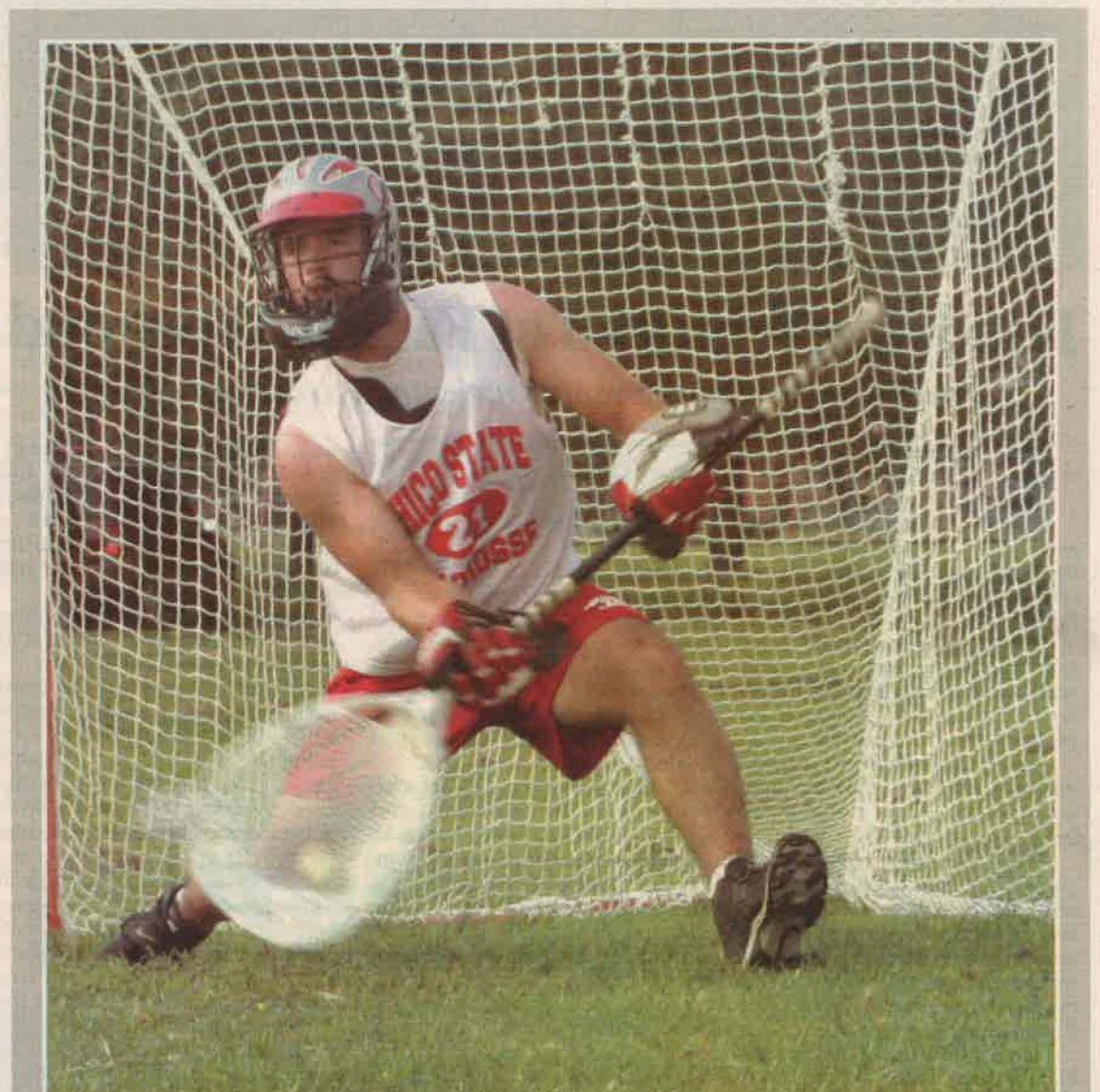
"Typically our goal is to be up about two percent," Burks said. "No more than 2.5 percent growth for undergrads."

Administrators see a controlled growth rate as an important factor in the university's development.

"Growth is exciting but causes its own considerations," Glenn Dillard, director of Enrollment Management, said. Cafeteria space, classroom space, auditorium space and dorm space all need to be considered."

The freshman enrollment rate may rise next year as the admissions department is experiencing a 20 percent increase in the number of applications for admission. Burks praised the admissions department.

"I think we have an unbelievably strong admissions department," Burks said.



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### Making the save

Senior Jonathan Johnson stops a shot during lacrosse practice Sept. 9. The lacrosse team, which operates as a club and independent from the university, practices three times a week to prepare for scrimmages throughout the fall semester. The team will play in a tournament at Southwest Missouri State University Oct. 25.

## Dress code violations garner student complaints

**SARAH WEST**  
Copy editor

The recent dedication to enforcing the dress code is not just a concern of the faculty and staff.

According to Dr. Delores Carson, assistant vice president for Student Services, many complaints regarding dress code violations have come from students.

"The men do not like the immodesty," Carson said. "They wish more girls would dress tastefully and modestly. They claim that it is impossible for them to concentrate when the girls sitting around them are wearing such revealing clothes."

Problems with concentrating in class are not the only reasons some male students would like to see female students following the dress code.

"It's nice when a girl respects guys enough to wear clothes modestly," senior Mitch Wiggins said. "There is a difference between wearing modest clothes and wearing clothes modestly."

Faculty members have discussed the importance of the enforcement of the dress code and are committed to find successful ways to enforce it.

"If we are going to have a dress code, we should enforce it," Car-

son said. "If we don't, we are not doing justice to the students."

Teachers approach students in violation of the dress code in different ways.

"I just make it clear from the first class that I will enforce the dress code," Kay Gowen, associate professor of communication, said. "The students committed to following the rules. I just ask them to do what they promised they would do. If they break the dress code, I try to wait for a convenient time to tell them privately."

Being an example of appropriate dress is important to many faculty members. Lori Sloan, assistant professor of marketing said

she tries to instill the importance of appropriate attire in her students through her own actions.

"I always try to dress professionally myself," Sloan said. "In my ethics class, I cover professional attire. I note rules of conduct and dress at the beginning. The students need to learn to respect business attire early."

Sloan said when she sees a student in violation of the dress code,

whether the person is one of her students or not, she tries to find a way to tell them.

"I saw a girl in violation of the dress code and I told her it's important to adhere to Harding's rules and to dress like women of God," Sloan said. "I always try to make it like they're talking to their mother or friend."

While most of the dress code violations under heat are regarding females, some teachers devote time to enforcing the dress code for males.

Jim Bury, assistant professor of Bible, tries to keep the tone friendly when he approaches male students with long hair or earrings.

He said that if the student's response is not negative, he will try to make a joke to lighten the situation.

"I'm more committed to concentrating on the males," Bury said. "I try to approach them in a gentle and casual manner and remind them of the dress code rules. I don't enjoy the confrontation, but I do uphold the dress code, probably more than most people wish I

would. I'm pretty forward. I take some kidding from my colleagues about it."

Bury said the most important aspect of the dress code is that it helps to foster a mentality that will help establish a unique environment and culture at Harding.

"The deliberate intention of the dress code is to reflect values we uphold here," Bury said.

The importance of the dress code has been stressed for many years. The 1972 Petit Jean features a photo of Virgil Lawyer, dean of students, measuring the sideburns of a male student.

The yearbook records, "Relaxation of hair and dress codes permitted men to grow mustaches, and the length of sideburns was lowered. Beginning in the fall semester pantsuits were approved wear for women during evening activities."

Female students in 1972 were the first to be allowed to wear pants.

"Dress code at Harding has changed over the years as style and what is 'appropriate' has changed, and it probably will change again as time goes by," Carson said.

Staff writer **Allie Osborne** contributed to this report

### SA Election Results

Student Association representatives and class officers were elected Wednesday. Some races filled positions that were vacant after last year's elections. Freshmen went to the polls to choose their inaugural officers.

### Senior Class:

President - Joe Bedwell  
Vice president - SioBhan Russell

### Junior Class:

President - Kristen Barnes  
Vice president - Linnea Reed  
Secretary/Treasurer - Emily Cunningham  
Women's SA Rep - Jessica Sloan  
Men's SA Rep - Patrick Hernandez

### Sophomore Class:

President - Josh Bundy  
Vice president - Luke Williams  
Secretary/Treasurer - Cynthia Noah

### Freshman Class:

President - Jessica Ellis  
Vice president - Meghan Bryant  
Secretary/Treasurer - Brittany Garry  
Men's SA Rep - Matthew Hewes  
Women's SA Rep - undecided

### Run-off Election

The freshman class women's SA representative will be chosen in a run-off election today. Adrienne Brenon, Shorae Dejbakhsh and Amanda Raibley are running for the position. Freshmen may vote in the Student Center until 5 p.m.



## OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

## HUA travelers living it up Down Under

BRISBANE, Australia — Cuddling a koala is usually considered an essential part of the Australian experience, but the experience got a little messy for sophomore Angela Latson during a visit to the Australian Woolshed in Brisbane with the rest of the Harding University in Australia group Aug. 29.

"The koala looked so relaxed and calm when I was holding it," Latson said. "Everyone said later that the pictures looked really cute because it looked like he was asleep, but when [the attendant] took him away, I felt something hit my hand. Then, I looked down and saw my shirt was smeared with koala poo."

Latson is one of the 43 students who arrived in Sydney Aug. 7 with Dr. Randy McLeod, title, and his wife, Teresa. During their week in Sydney, the group visited the Harbor Bridge, the Opera House, Darling Harbor and other sites and museums.

The HUA group then traveled to Canberra, Australia's capital, before moving on to Brisbane.

"Traveling around was a lot of fun, but it was really tiring," junior Molly Roseberry said. "We were ready to have somewhere to call home where we could relax and do our laundry."

— DeAnn Thomas



STEVEN PROFAIZER / Harding University Australia  
Sophomore Sarah Williams makes friends with an Australian native while studying at HUA.

## Food, fun featured at Family Weekend

Parents from across country welcomed to annual event

SARAH CRIST  
Staff writer

Family Weekend, an annual event that attracts parents and families from all parts of the country to Harding, will kick off Friday.

Although many people come from nearby states, some families will travel from as far as California, South Dakota and Maryland to participate in the weekend.

Junior Chris Hanvey's parents will make the 1,800 mile trip from Los Angeles. This is a once-a-year occurrence for the Hanveys.

"They usually only come parents' weekend because it's the only weekend they can come up and do things," Hanvey said. "My parents have gotten free sweatshirts and other Harding stuff in the past because they came the longest distance."

One of the main reasons the Hanvey family comes for Family Weekend is to watch Chris play football for the Bisons.

Registration for the weekend

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is from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday in the Heritage Auditorium. Throughout the day parents can attend classes and meet their students' professors. Parents are also encouraged to attend Chapel with their students, eat lunch in the newly renovated cafeteria and visit the student center.

Comedian Cary Trivanovich will entertain students and guests with his pantomimes in the Benson Auditorium at 8 p.m. Friday. Tickets are \$4 and can be purchased at the door. The day concludes with a student-led devotional at 10 p.m. in front of the Benson.

Saturday morning registration will continue from 8 a.m.-noon. An all-you-can-eat breakfast will be offered in the cafeteria from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Tickets for the breakfast can be purchased at the door for \$6.

President David Burks will

welcome families from 10-11 a.m. in the Heritage Auditorium, and Student Association President Michael Campbell will give a devotional. Chancellor Clifton Ganus will speak on family and education.

Family photos in a Harding swing will be available starting at 10 a.m. Saturday on the front lawn.

Women's dorms will be open from 1:30-3 p.m. Men's dorms will be open from 3-4:30 p.m. Face painting, live music, inflatable games and the annual Osborne family barbecue will be on the lawn in front of the Ganus Athletic Center starting at 3 p.m.

Tickets for the barbecue will be distributed starting at 2 p.m. and serving will begin at 3 p.m. in sequential ticket order. A student ID or a Family Weekend nametag is required to receive a ticket for the barbecue.

The Harding Bisons will face off against Arkansas Tech at 7 p.m. at First Security Stadium followed by a fireworks show courtesy of the Jennings Osborne family.

## Few solutions for parking problems

JEFFREY HUNTER  
Editor-in-chief

Congested parking lots in the central area of campus during daytime hours leave few parking options — a situation that many students think is a sign the university's parking lots have not grown at the same rate as the student body.

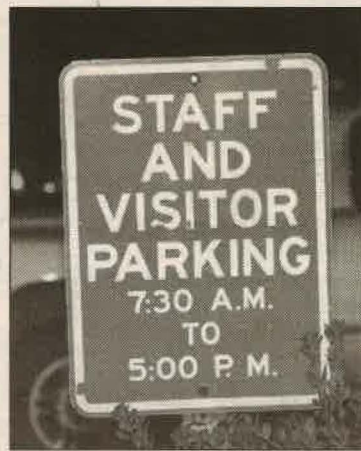
According to Chief of Security Craig Russell, however, approximately 3,100 parking permits were issued this semester and more than 4,700 parking spaces exist on campus.

"The problem we are dealing with here is one of convenience," Russell said. "Everyone wants a close parking space on campus, and sometimes they just aren't available."

While spaces may exist for every vehicle, the lack of parking spaces near the student center, Benson and main classroom buildings is a concern to many students.

"I think the parking near the student center is bad," senior Bonnie McCown said. "If I need to park back there to pick up a box or something, there is never a space."

Of the parking spaces on campus, 644 are red zones, spaces designated for faculty and staff during daytime hours.



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Of the more than 4,700 parking spaces available on campus, Chief of Security Craig Russell said 644 are reserved for faculty, staff and visitors.

"It seems like there are a lot of empty red spaces around," McCown said. "It would help if students could somehow use those."

Many of the parking lots around the men's dormitories are designated as no overnight parking to help provide parking for the more than 1,000 commuter students.

According to freshman John Fyffe, a resident of Armstrong Hall, the no-overnight lots are the source of many problems.

"One night I was sick and had been to the hospital," Fyffe said. "I went to Wal-Mart to get a prescription filled and when I came back, it was raining and I couldn't find a parking space."

Russell said students should look at the problems other universities are experiencing with parking. The University of Arkansas in Fayetteville issues almost 14,000 parking permits for 8,300 spaces.

"In comparison, we are doing a great job," Russell said. "With few exceptions, we can guarantee a spot on campus every day of the year. It may not be next to your dorm or convenient, but you have one."

The solutions that other universities have used to alleviate crowded parking lots, such as the construction of parking garages, are not necessarily an option for Harding, Russell said.

According to the International Parking Institute, parking garages can cost up to \$15,000 per parking space, while surface lots cost approximately \$1,500 per space.

During the first weeks of the semester, vehicles filled many areas of campus not designated for parking, including sidewalks and grassy areas. Security also received reports that students were parking on the lawns of some residences near campus.

The implementation of new software prevented security from issuing citations for the violations.

"Normally we start writing tickets the day after registration," Russell said. "Some students fell into bad habits. There was a lot of creative parking, and a lot of people blocked in."

According to Russell, the problems illustrate the need for ticketing.

"Without ticketing, we don't have a way to control parking," Russell said. "Almost immediately after we resumed ticketing, the situation was much better."



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# Acts of faith

LINNEA REED  
Staff writer

## 80th Annual Lectureship to provide opportunities for growth, learning

Christians from around the country will gather Sunday as Harding's lectureship begins its 80th year.

Classes, keynote lectures and educational courses will focus on the theme, "Acting

Christianly: ACTS for Today," a look at the examples of early Christians and the influence of their faith as recorded in the book of Acts.

"Acts is a book where things are happening that are just unimaginable," Howard Norton, director of the Institute for Church and Family and the Lectureship director, said. "From the beginning of the book to the end, you see the Gospel spread across the Roman empire."

"Acting Christianly" is a continuation of last year's Lectureship, "Thinking Christianly."

"This theme just seemed like a logical sequence," Norton said. "We don't want to just leave Christianity in thought, we want to put it into action."

The event's planners believe lectureship will be beneficial to all who attend.

"When all is said and done, we hope that people gain meaningful fellowship," Andrew Baker, events coordinator for the ICF, said. "Lectureship is designed to be an encouragement to those living the lives of ministry every day."

Jimmy Allen, Charles Hodge, Bob Lawrence, Brian Mashburn, Prentice Meador, Neale Pryor and Jerry Rushford will present keynote lectures during the event.

In addition to the keynote lectures, classes on a range of topics of concern to the Christian community will be offered throughout the day.

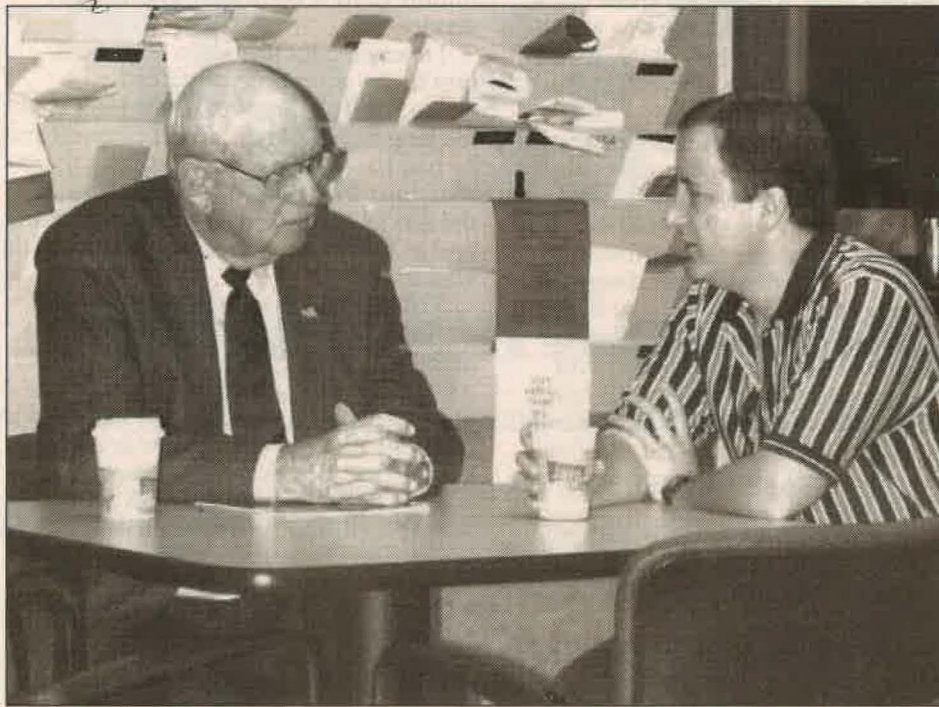
Fireside chats, at 8:45 p.m. in the student center, will provide an opportunity to hear Ed Myers, professor of Bible, interview prominent men and women of the faith.

Harding Bible faculty members Tom Alexander, Ken Neller, Norton and Neale Pryor will participate in a daily open forum to answer questions from the public and discuss current church topics at 1:30 p.m. in the Rhodes Field House.

Student lectures will be every day at 3 p.m. Men will meet in room 203 and women will meet in room 238 of the student center. Seniors Megan Bills, Jennifer Campbell, Michael Campbell, Chad Miller, Jonathan Stormont and Leslie Stormont will be speaking.

While the university strives to offer many ways for students to enrich their spiritual lives throughout the year, Baker said the lectureships offer a specific study of which students can take advantage.

"I am really looking forward to it because I've grown [as a Christian] since last year," sophomore Micah Thomason said. "I retain things better and getting spiritual food excites me."



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Dr. Howard Norton, director of the Institute for Church and Family (left), discusses the 80th annual Lectureship with Clyde Slimp, minister at the Robinson and Center Street church of Christ in Conway. The Lectureship, under the theme "Acting Christianly: ACTS for today," begins Sunday.

### Student Lectures

Men meet in Student Center 203, Women meet in Student Center 238.

#### Sept. 29

**Men: You Only Live Once**  
Jonathan Stormont, 3 p.m.

**Women: Discipline of the Heart**  
Megan Bills, 3 p.m.

#### Sept. 30

**Men: Christian Sacrifice**  
Michael Campbell, 3 p.m.

**Women: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**  
Leslie Stormont, 3 p.m.

#### Oct. 1

**Men: I'm Not a Doctor: Living the Part We Play**  
Chad Miller, 3 p.m.

**Women: What Little Girls are Made Of**  
Jennifer Campbell, 3 p.m.

### Keynote Lectures

Evening lectures are in the Benson Auditorium. Morning lectures are in the Administration Auditorium.

#### Sept. 28

**Acting Christianly: ACTS for Today**  
Jerry Rushford, 7 p.m.

#### Sept. 29

**Prayer Power: Connecting to God**  
Charles Hodge, 9:45 a.m.

**Divine Power: Uniting in Christ**  
Prentice Meador, 7 p.m.

#### Sept. 30

**Prayer Power: Connecting to God**  
Bob Lawrence, 9:45 a.m.

**Sacrificial Power: Dying for Christ**  
Neale Pryor, 7 p.m.

#### Oct. 1

**People Power: Telling the Story**  
Brian Mashburn, 9:45 a.m.

**Victory Power: Jesus is Coming**  
Jimmy Allen, 7 p.m.

### More Online

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June 26 - July 1, 2004

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"Time Together"  
July 1-4, 2004

Coaching and the Family  
"First things First"  
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## Old yellow button more than just a trinket

I've been wearing it on the left strap of my backpack since I rescued it from its spot as a trinket on the office wall during the first week of the semester.

It makes that familiar clinking noise when I walk to class that only old tin buttons can make. Its message is simple. "It's Great to be at Harding!" But I never stopped to think much about it.

I pinned it on as a joke, got grins out of it for a few days and quickly forgot about it. I remembered it after it was mentioned in chapel Monday, and my curiosity got the best of me.

You might be wondering just what I could possibly learn from following the trail of a dusty, old yellow button. I wondered the same thing and wasn't expecting much.

I was in for a surprise.

It turns out, the button was created about 30 years ago. Twenty-nine to be exact. Former President Clifton Ganus had a new assistant who had moved to Harding a few years earlier after retiring from Florida State University in 1970.

He already had a sterling career behind him. A veteran, a school teacher, two masters

degrees and a doctorate — a résumé with success written all over it.

He had a phrase that he was famous for, "It's great to be at Harding," and made some buttons to pass around. They caught on and became an instant hit. Faculty and students alike wore them. The admissions department made more to distribute.

"I guess it was my claim to fame," he told me. "It was popular then, but I guess people have just outgrown it."

**What can you learn from an old yellow button? Not much, but the man who coined its phrase can teach you lessons untold.**



Eventually the fad wore off, but the story of my button doesn't end there. In fact, it just begins.

His employment with Harding was at the request of friends and the fulfillment of a dream to work at a Christian college. He didn't grow up in the church and loved being around Christian young people.

But he and his wife didn't plan to stay at Harding long. After a few short years, he would return to Florida.

It has been 33 years and he hasn't left yet. Harding became home.

"You know, once you leave, you can never really go home again. Its just not the same," he told me. "But you can always return to Harding. It can always be

your second home."

He not only stayed here, but he began to serve the university and the community with all of his heart.

Years later he left Harding to become the assistant to the president at White County Medical Center — a position he currently holds.

Throughout it all, he was dedicated to his family, served as an elder and a deacon, and volunteered his time in the community.

He is by all accounts a successful man, but he by no means acts his age.

Dr. Jimmy Carr, the man behind the button, turned 90 in May.

Other than a head of white hair and a slightly stooped frame, Dr. Carr shows few signs of aging. His age certainly

hasn't slowed him down, and he has a record of service to prove it.

I had the privilege of meeting Dr. Carr and his wife in their home earlier this week. We sat in the living room illuminated only by the warm glow of the sun through the picture window. As he spoke, the light danced off the seashells that sat about the room, the result of a lifelong collection.

Dr. Carr talked. I listened.

His Southern accent flowed smoothly, and wisdom filled his voice.

To most people, men like Dr. Carr are rare. What makes him such a unique individual is the same thing that makes Harding such a unique university — he lives for Christ, and his life (every last minute of it) is dedicated to Christian service.

I learned a lot from him and about him in the short time we talked.

No, I didn't discover everything about his long history, and I didn't catch all that he had to say. But just from sitting there with him, I learned that Jimmy Carr is the model of a successful Christian man, and to follow his example would be a life well lived.

This is what this university is about.

As I was walking down the sidewalk at the end of our visit, I told him to have a good day as a thoughtless salutation.

"Every day is a good day," he called to me from his doorway. "Some are better than others, but they are all good."

Dr. Carr knew that this university was special, and he treasured every day. Every day, it was great to be at Harding.

What can you learn from an old yellow button? Not much, but the man who coined its phrase can teach you lessons untold.

Yes, Dr. Carr. It is still great to be at Harding.

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## 'Fanboy' defends his passion, addiction

In case you don't pay attention, or don't know me, I'm what is called a "fanboy." I have an addiction. I'm talking about my pastime. I'm talking about my sole reason for earning a paycheck. I'm talking about sequential graphic storytelling. I'm talking about spandex literature. I'm talking about tights 'n' fights. I'm talking about full color, 32 pages, with ads. Comic Books — 'nuff said.

Allow me to quickly defend myself and my hobby. First, I really don't care if you think I'm immature for liking comics. I really don't care if your mom thinks I'm stupid for liking comics. And girls, I really don't care if you won't date a guy who reads comics. It really just narrows down the playing field of girls I have to consider even talking to. Besides, the less money I spend on dates, the more money I can spend on comics.

Wednesday is a glorious day, not because I only have two classes, and not because I get to go to church, although those are both excellent reasons. I'm all about the two-class/church combo, it's good times. But no, Wednesday is a great day because Wednesday is New Comic Book Day.

Once a week, the pilgrimage is made. Like vultures flocking to a rotting corpse, so do the fanboys descend on the comic book store in their great hordes, every Wednesday. And not the comic book store in Searcy. No, no, this requires heading to Little Rock.

The pilgrimage begins every Wednesday at 3 p.m. The voyage is not for the weak, verily, I say thee nay. A steel resolve and incredible depth of faith are required to endure the blazing sun of Highway 67 South, never quite knowing when the end will come, but knowing that indeed at the end of the arduous trek awaits a prize like no other — the weekly stash.

AARON RUSHTON

### Big Guy, Big Mouth



**Oh, what a glorious rapture it is to step into the great citadel, knowing that there, on the humble wooden shelves, lies the prize comics in all their splendor.**

Oh, what a glorious rapture it is to step into the great citadel, knowing that there, on the humble wooden shelves, lies the prize comics in all their splendor. The expedition was not launched unprepared. An intricate network of informants and spies have been dispatched and routinely debriefed to make sure that each of the valiant fanboys know exactly what holy grail(s) they seek. Handling their treasures with a care rarely seen outside of nurses handling newborn children, the fanboys walk to the cash register with heads held high, comics in hand, and then part with their hard earned money in exchange for the tales of their highly regarded superheroes.

As you can very well see, this ain't no light readin' hobby for me. This is serious. I'm a pretty laid back guy. I'm easygoing, I'm funny and as far as I'm concerned, I'm pretty easy to get along with. But I'll tell you one thing for sure, there is no quicker way to get my goad than to get my obsession wrong. Ask about Superman.

I hate Superman. I hate Superman like the Simpsons hate natural skin tones. Superman is Richard Simmons in blue spandex pajamas.

Batman could kick Superman up and down the street any day. Don't ask me

how, it'd take too long to explain and this column does have a space limit. Simply know that a) I've got proof, several times over and b) I wrote a dissertation on it. So if you see me on Wednesday, I didn't get any Superman comic books.

With all these comic book movies that have been hitting the screen lately, I've been downright giddy. "Daredevil," "Spider-Man," "X-Men" and "X2," "Hulk"... When Stan Lee (the creator of all those heroes and many more) showed up in the movies, my heart skipped a few beats.

At the end of "X2," I couldn't form coherent sentences. I saw "Daredevil" five times in the theater, three within a week of its release. I wept tears of joy at "Spider-Man." I can go on and on, so if you're bored and have a few hours to kill, hunt me down.

Now, I know I'm horribly addicted. I know some of you are scared, and that's OK. But lest the lesson of the National Spelling Bee slip past you, let me remind you that it can always get worse.

Let me explain it like this. I like "Lord of the Rings." I've read the books a thousand times, and I'm digging the movies. I know the story inside-out and backwards.

But there's a whole other level that I've not even come close to — I don't speak Elvish.

So again, I say to you, I'm pretty bad — but it can always get worse. Now you know just how bad I really am.

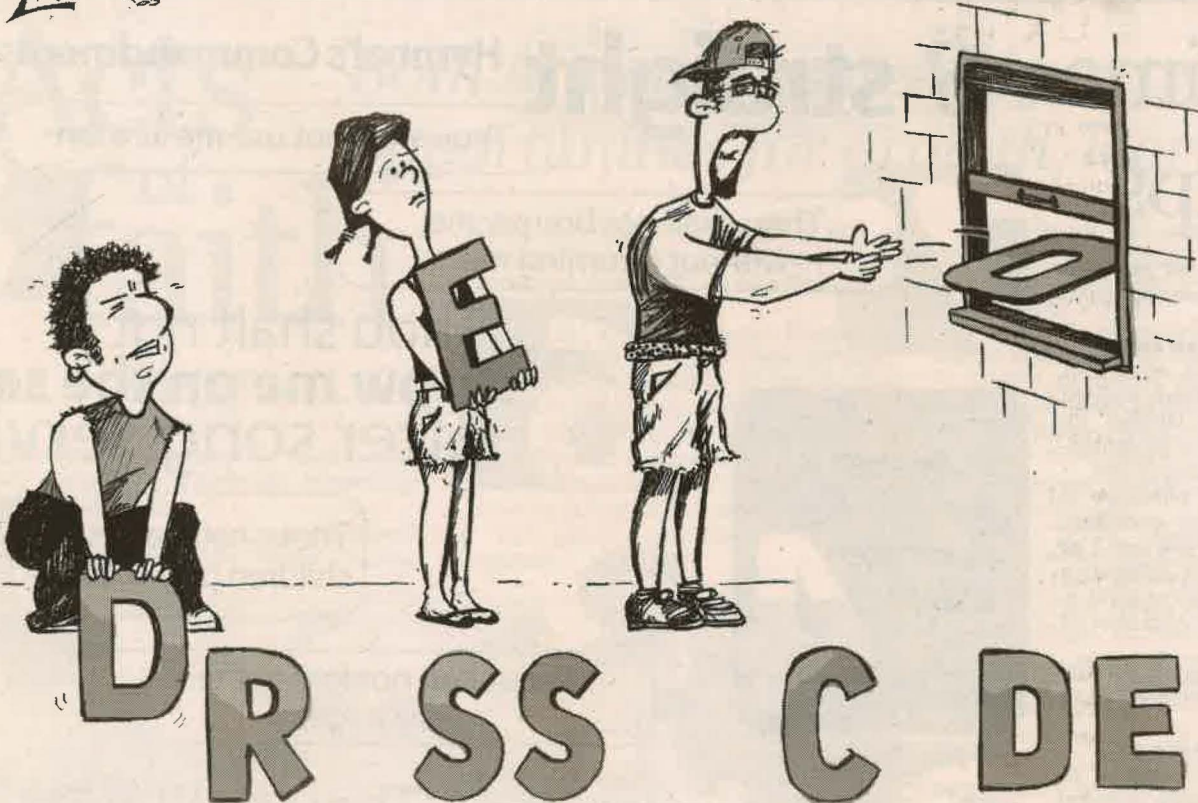
And I promise you, next time, there will be a different moral to the story. Excelsior!

### CORRECTION

In the September 19 issue of the *Bison*, senior Jeremy Knox was incorrectly identified in the photo on page 7 and sophomore Adam Lybrand was incorrectly identified in the photo on page 8. We regret the errors.



ARHATHAM



## Forgotten Responsibility?

*Dress code needs respect, enforcement from students, faculty*

**S**ection Six of the Student Handbook is one of the shortest sections in a long list of rules and regulations. In consideration of appropriate Christian behavior, it is quite possibly one of the most important. It is, however, also the section that is most ignored.

Wedge between a few pages on personal wellness and a disclaimer about sportsmanship, the section entitled "Modest and Appropriate Dress" has been the cause of much consternation on campus lately. The disregard some students have shown for the university's code of conduct has caused complaints by students and faculty alike.

Harding has upheld high standards throughout its history. Rules govern the actions, dress and activities of students not to create a restricting environment, but to promote higher academic goals and maintain a Christian environment.

This is not to say the dress code could not use modification. There are aspects of it that are showing the birthmarks of decades long ago.

The facts, however, do not change. Despite one's position, the dress code is firmly in effect and students have both a responsibility and an obligation to adhere to it.

Students who disobey because they think they are being forced to conform or that the university is unfairly making decisions for them are missing the point entirely.

Quite simply, one does not have to agree with the dress code to follow it.

Wearing a shirt that covers the midriff or removing earrings is not necessarily a statement of agreement. Instead, it is a statement of obedience to authority and respect for fellow students.

One can argue against clothing regulations, but it is difficult to argue against obedience and modesty. Both are traits that are not only required by the university, but are expected of Christians.

One's definition of modesty might differ from that of the Student Handbook, but everyone should keep in mind the influence that their actions (regardless of whether or not they see them as right or wrong) are having on other people.

Women should be especially careful of their dress and be mindful of the unintentional influence that immodest clothing and behavior can cause to their male counterparts.

If the university is going to enact a dress code, then it should follow through and enforce it. Thus far in the semester, enforcement seems to be at a minimum.

Student Services has the primary responsibility of enforcing the dress code, but it should not stop there. Faculty should work to prohibit violations in their classrooms that often go unnoticed or ignored.

Members of the faculty who support the dress code but fail to personally enforce it are just as much at fault as those who fail to comply.

The responsibility of enforcing the dress code does not rest solely on university employees. In fact, students should lead the charge in making sure their contemporaries are following the guidelines by which everyone must abide.

Harding is unique by design. It is not, however, the rules and regulations that have set the university apart for 80 years — it is the high standards of excellence that the student body has always upheld. Let it not be this student body that starts to bring them down.

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### TALKBACK

## How will you pass the time standing in line for the Osborne Barbecue?



"First I will tease my hair, sing folk songs, play paper-rock-scissors with the strangers around me, tell them my life story and pray."

— Jordan Crow, freshman



"Have the group of people I'm with sing praise and worship songs with me."

— Bree Terry, freshman



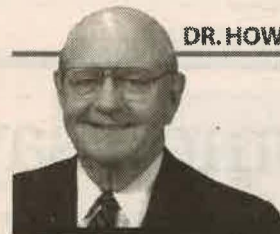
"Talk to friends and wonder when the line is ever going to move."

— Brittany Garry, freshman



"I usually cut, so there's not much waiting."

— Tessa Owen, senior



DR. HOWARD NORTON

Guest  
Room

## Take time to learn at Lectureship

**A**s director of Harding University's 80th Annual Lectureship, I want to invite every student, faculty and staff member to participate in this spiritual feast that begins Sunday, Sept. 28 and continues through Wednesday, Oct. 1.

This year's theme is "Acting Christianly: ACTS for Today" with seven major speeches that focus on the book of Acts. Keynoters will be Dr. Jerry Rushford of Malibu, Charles Hodge of Dallas, Dr. Prentice Meador of Dallas, Dr. Bob Lawrence of Alaska, Brian Mashburn of Houston and Drs. Neal Pryor and Jimmy Allen of Searcy. In addition to the keynote lectures, scores of teachers will present classes on a great variety of subjects that are important to all who are attempting to serve God.

Hundreds of guests will come to the Harding campus — some from great distances

— in order to take advantage of this event that brings together some of the very best preachers and teachers among churches of Christ. There is something for everyone, and there is something for you.

College students are some of the busiest people on earth, and it is easy for them to conclude that they cannot add another thing to their agendas. Let me encourage you during these four days to clear your agenda of some of the usual things you do in order to add time for the Lectureship. It is a vital part of what a college education is all about.

Harding's annual Lectureship is what professional people often refer to as continuing education. To a great extent, your education after graduation will involve periodic learning experiences at such events as conventions, clinics or professional meetings where you can catch up on the latest innovations in your field and also network with the people you need to know in order to reach your professional goals.

Lectureship accomplishes some of these tasks for those of us who care about the Lord's cause and want to fulfill our ministries effectively. I believe the Lectureship can also make a difference in your service to Jesus Christ.

To sum it up, I hope you won't overlook this great opportunity that is within your grasp. In Houston on Nov. 21, 1963, my wife Jane took our three children to see President John F. Kennedy and his wife in a motorcade from Hobby Airport to downtown Houston. I didn't go. Why? I was too busy to go because I was writing a master's thesis about the history of nineteenth-century Brazil. The next day, Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated President Kennedy in Dallas. I squandered my only opportunity to see this world leader whose life and death affected the whole world. I missed out on history while writing about it.

Don't miss out on Harding's 80th annual Lectureship because of activities that can be rescheduled after the Lectureship has passed into history.

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# Solomon says: Time for fall fashion tips

ANDREA MARTIN  
Staff writer

With the first day of school came sensational new summer clothes that stirred up campus, but post Labor Day, the fashion fiends lose focus. The right to wear white ends and black is back, but the other rules of fashion blur from there.

To steer clear of fashion faux pas this fall, try these kingly suggestions on for size.

"There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven," wrote Solomon. The time is now, the season fall and the activity is shopping for fall fashions.

Heed these wisdom-based tips and stride in Solomon's splendor this season.

## "There is a time to embrace ..."

This year's runways have been crowded with classic browns and gray suits for him and her. At work and play, structure fits function.

To the untrained eye, 'unisex' seems to be the prevailing theme of clothing, but a feminine flair can be attained by adding tweed or plaid to soften otherwise blunt lines. This versatile style works well for everyone as long as they are a size 2-4 or 32 long. Catering to the curves of the body is no longer in.

## "And a time to refrain."

Men's suits have evolved over the decades, first with one button then with two. Through survival of the fittest, buttons have been fruitful and multiplied. Now suits have up to four buttons on the blazer. Three buttons add pizzazz to a blah blazer, but Joe Cool beware, four buttons should be reserved for NBA players.

## "There is a time to keep ..."

Retro styles are back en vogue. The '30s and '40s pencil skirts and flounced blouses have bounded from the back of grandma's closet back into the limelight. Great for day and night wear when properly accessorized (accessories are for men and women.) Also back for men are patent leather shoes and Dick Tracey-style trench coats.

Looking for more casual? Denim of all washes and cuts will

always be in season for him and her with lace tops, frame bags and pointed toe shoes.

## "And a time to throw away."

Anything baggy is oh-so-last-season. Slim-fitting high-waisted pants, once made famous by Urkel, are all the rage with designers like Prada and Calvin Klein.

When debating if pants are in or out, ask these two questions: Can I walk in them and can I sit down? If the answer is affirmative to one or both, they are as good as rags. Rule of thumb: Abandon all comfort.

As for flip-flops, unless they are gilded or jewel encrusted, pitch them.

## "There is a time to search ..."

Subtle fall color schemes of browns, grays and deep reds are always in style. New hues are burning up runways worldwide. Models and stars alike are bedazzled and vibrant in jewel tones. Emerald, topaz and ruby in silks and satins added to normal darks create quite a spectrum. Mix and match options are limitless.

## "There is a time to tear ..."

Long ruffled skirts, flattering to most body types, are now obsolete. Anything with more curve than an A-line dress should be cast off. For men, ruffles are in. Tuxedo style shirts with ruffled fronts and/or embroidery has become increasingly popular. Think pirate.

Too frugal to spend a king's ransom on clothing but don't want to be a fashion flop? It's a hard position to maintain. But to stay on Target with fashion and out of the red, many retail stores have great fall looks and Express lines.

The looks these stores offer are not limited and bridge The Gap between runway and real life. Flop or fly is attainable, as Oscar Wilde said, "Fashion is what one wears oneself. What is unfashionable is what other people wear."

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# First GSC loss leaves Bisons to 'wonder' about Tech

**MATT PRICE**  
Sports editor

The Bisons planned to start the Gulf South Conference schedule with a win Sept 20.

With three straight victories against North Alabama University, history seemed destined to repeat itself. Instead, the Bisons' three previous strikes turned into an out for Harding in last Saturday's game at First Security Stadium, which the Bisons lost 38-3.

"Our hearts were ripped out," head coach Randy Tribble said. "It was a terrible loss, we're disappointed."

The Harding coaching staff was impressed with UNA's performance.

"We knew they were a good team, but I'll be surprised if they lose more than one or two [games]," Tribble said.

For the Bisons' offense, senior quarterback Freddie Langston completed six of 13 passes for 83 yards with three interceptions in the first half.

Langston suffered a concussion after throwing his third interception and did not play the second half. The 83 yards did, however, make him Harding's career leader in passing yards with 5,464 in his career.

With Langston's injury, backup quarterback sophomore Adam Lybrand made his Bison debut. Lybrand completed nine of 14 passes for 109 yards.

Tribble said he was impressed with Lybrand's performance.

"Adam did some really good things," Tribble said. "He made

some really pretty passes and some pretty plays. I was pleased."

Lybrand said he learned quickly about the differences between high school and college football.

"One thing I noticed about college [football] that is different than high school [football] is the speed,"

Lybrand said. "It took more time to get comfortable out there."

Lybrand said it was easier to go on the field with the support of the sidelines.

"It was nice to have the team show faith in me," Lybrand said. "Everyone did, even Freddie."

Tribble said it was unclear when Langston would return as the starter for the Bisons. Langston underwent tests earlier this week and practiced on a limited basis.

Senior wide receiver Demarcus Calhoun had his fourth 100-plus yard outing with eight receptions for 114 yards. Calhoun leads the GSC in total receptions. He ranks sixth in Division-II.

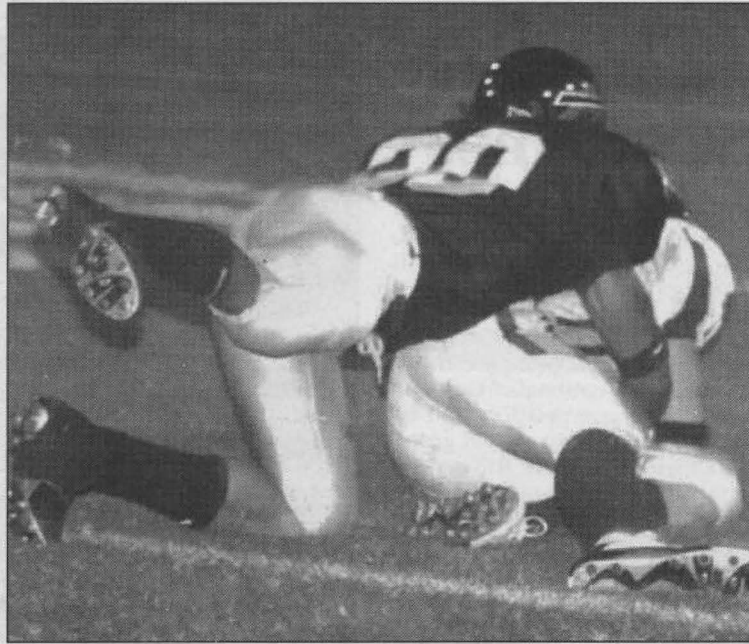
The Bisons must now return to the drawing board in order to prepare for Saturday's game against rival Arkansas Tech. Kick-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. and it will be Parents' Night at First Security Stadium.

The Bisons hold a 30-7-1 record on Parents' Night.

Tribble said the Bisons match up well with the Wonderboys.

"We are a little more similar," Tribble said. "We have the same level of athletes. They had their best offensive outing last week. They play scrappy and hard, kind of like us."

Senior defensive back Marco Cole is confident the Bison de-



**Sophomore defensive back Travis DeSisso** makes an open field tackle against North Alabama Sept. 20. DeSisso had 10 tackles in the 38-3 loss to UNA. The Bisons take on the Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys Saturday at home.

fense will play to its potential on Saturday.

"We just have to come out and execute," Cole said. "I expect our secondary to make a lot of plays when the opportunity presents itself. We are going to dominate defensively."

Cole agrees that Harding and ATU are similar.

"We match up really well with them, they are a base team," Cole said. "They just try to out-execute you."

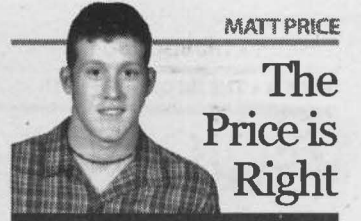
Arkansas Tech is coming off of a come-from-behind 34-23 victory

over Ouachita Baptist Sept. 20. With the win OBU improved its record to 2-1 overall, 1-0 in the GSC. Tech leads the overall series with the Bisons 25-16.

Tech linebacker Brett Hobbs leads the GSC in tackles. He has 29 on the season.

Wonderboy punter, All-American Tommy Edwards, was named the GSC Special Team's Player of the Week following

ATU's win over Ouachita. Staff writer Matt Blansett contributed to this report.



**MATT PRICE**

## The Price is Right

If you watch sports on television, then you've probably seen the Nike commercial with the little boy who boastfully claims he can outrun anything that lines up against him. Sure, he could beat me, my dog and maybe even my auntie on her mountain bike, but I doubt he could beat Janet Kogo.

You see, this Harding senior, a native of Kapsabet, Kenya, is the best-kept secret in Bison athletics.

Kogo could be the fastest female on campus. That is if you don't count Mrs. Polly giving chase if you try to slip past her in the cafeteria without showing your student ID.

However, if you tell that to Kogo, she will just humbly laugh and say "Maybe not, but I try."

Kogo owns almost every school record in Lady Bison track and cross country history.

Her most recent achievement occurred at the Missouri-Southern Stampede cross country meet in Joplin, Mo. Sept. 20, where she set the school record for best time in the 6K run with a time of 16:57.

Although Kogo has broken almost every Harding record, she doesn't want to stop there.

"My goal is to set such a hard record, it will be too competitive to break," Kogo said.

Four years ago, Kogo almost didn't come to Harding.

She said she was planning to attend the University of Alabama on a running scholarship.

Before she could sign with the school, she had to fill out paperwork at the U.S. Embassy in Kenya.

However, on the day she arrived at the embassy she found that the deadline to sign with the Crimson Tide expired the day before. That's when then-Harding track and cross country coach Bryan Phillips stepped in and told Kogo she still had plenty of time to register for Harding.

The rest, as they say, is history.

Kogo said she began running competitively at school in the seventh grade.

"My mom didn't want me to [run]," Kogo said, "but I was good." Kogo recalls a particular race at school that she ran without her mother's permission.

"I raced without my mom knowing and I won," Kogo said. Despite the trouble she later got into, she continued to run.

Kogo has only improved since her days of running in Kenya. She no longer has to keep that success from her mother.

"My mom is excited now," Kogo said.

Unfortunately, Kogo's mother has not seen her race in America.

"I hope for one time that I can bring her," Kogo said. "She's so proud of me."

You're not alone Mrs. Kogo. We're all proud of her. ®

**He could beat me, my dog, maybe even my auntie ... but I doubt he could beat Janet Kogo.**



## SPORTS CHALLENGE

Well, it was a different week with the same results for my picks. How did you do? Last week's winner, Randy Brazile, showed me up. At least this is a new week with all new picks. Maybe you can take me this week. The best pigskin prognosticator will win two free buffets with drinks from Pizza Pro in Searcy. Playing is simple. Just predict the winners of each game and the exact results of the tie-breaker. Then tear out this form and drop it in the Sports Challenge box on the ledge next to the U.S. Post Office window by 10 p.m. Friday. Good Luck to you, and good luck Bisons this weekend against Tech.

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### NCAA Football

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## Cross Country teams look to repeat as GSC Champs

*Kogo, Rotich finish first at MSU Stampede*

EMILY SANE  
Staff writer

With each race the Bison and Lady Bison cross country teams run, they strive to set a pace that will lead them to their fourth straight Gulf South Conference championship.

The teams competed Sept. 20 at the Missouri Southern Stampede in Joplin, Mo.

For the Lady Bisons, senior Janet Kogo set a new Harding record in the 6K run with a time of 16:57.

Senior Jacob Rotich led the Bisons by finishing first overall with a time of 25:55 in the 8K.

Rotich finished ahead of Jason Sandfort from the University of Arkansas, who finished second. Senior Maciek Mierczko and junior Reed Fisher also finished in the top 10 for the Bisons.

The Bisons next meet is the Stanford Invitational in California on Saturday.

Their pace, after three races for the men and two races for the women, leads them closer to the Oct. 25 conference championship in Memphis, Tenn.

"Our first goal as a team is to win conference," head coach Steve Guymon said. "We want to win for the fourth year in a row."

Along with winning the conference crowns, the teams look to extend their seasons to compete in the regional and national championships.

"Qualifying for nationals ranks second on our list of goals," Guymon said. "We have been there before, and we want to return. At nationals, we would like to place higher than ever before."

The path to the 2003 NCAA Division-II Championship in

Raleigh, N.C. Nov. 22 will not be an easy one, Guymon said. Along the way, the teams will run against NCAA Division-I schools and competitive NCAA Division-II schools.

"This year will be more difficult to qualify for nationals," Guymon said. "The competition will be fierce, but we have a great group of athletes that want to compete and win."

Guymon said the Bisons must finish in the top two at regionals and the Lady Bisons must finish in the top four to qualify for the national championship.

Last season the men's team raced into 14th at the NCAA Division-II National Meet at Ashland University in Ashland, Ohio.

Although the women's team did not qualify for the national meet, senior Janet Kogo and graduate Hanna Haavikko qualified for individual competition. Kogo cruised into 15th in the 6K event in 22:25.5.

Seniors Rotich and Kogo provide leadership for the teams by displaying determination and discipline.

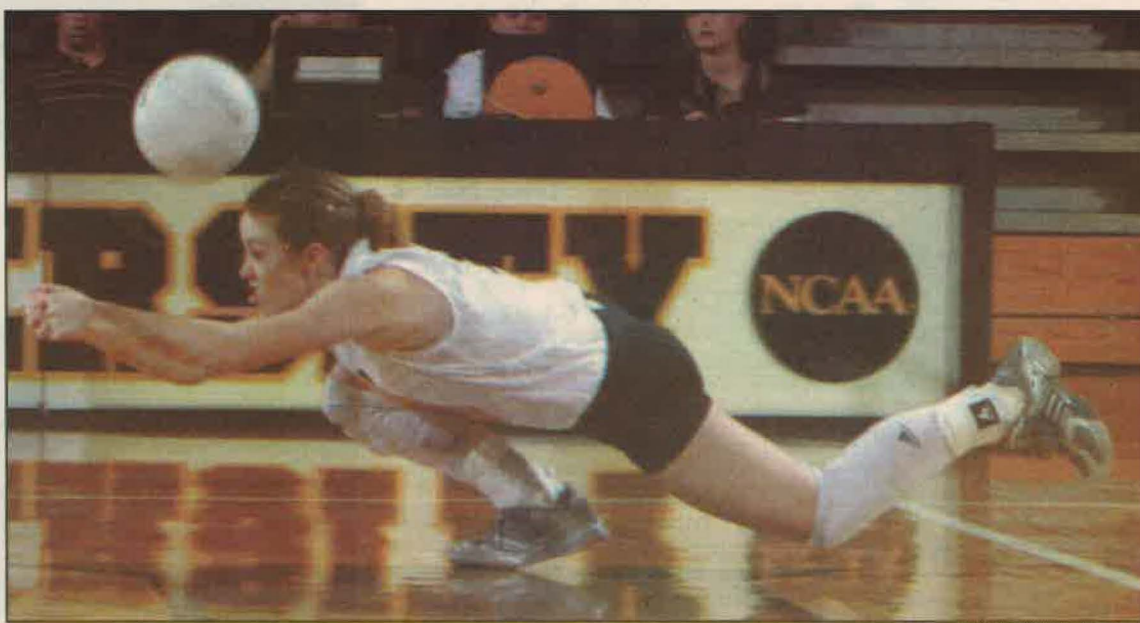
"Jacob and Janet are stand-out runners and leaders," Guymon said. "They set the pace for the team and for each other. They have a competition between each other to see who can win the most races."

Rotich runs 14-15 miles each day during the season, and he attempts to run 90 miles each week during the offseason.

"I run no matter what the weather is like," Rotich said. "I need to stay prepared to help the team. Even in the hot summer, I run. I just drink lots of water."

In addition to senior leadership, the Bisons added nine freshmen while the Lady Bisons welcomed eight new members to serve as the supporting cast.

"We will face good teams on both sides," Guymon said. "The competition will be exciting." ■



Junior setter Ashley Kellum stretches for a dig at home against Christian Brothers Sept. 23 during the volleyball team's first conference game. The Lady Bisons won 3-0, helping the team reach its goal of winning the Gulf South Conference.

## Lions pounce Bisons in GSC opener

### Ladies answer against Christian Brothers

JESSICA THOMPSON  
Staff writer

The Lady Bison volleyball team had its first taste of conference play Sept. 23 against Christian Brothers University at the Rhodes Field House. The Lady Bisons' 3-0 victory started them on the way to their goal of winning the Gulf South Conference.

Senior outside-hitter Veronica Piech led the Harding offense with 17 kills and junior defensive specialist Amie Morrison led the defense with 22 digs. The Lady Bisons averaged a .395 attack percentage. They had 59 kills and 58 digs.

The Lady Bisons used their entire roster throughout the course of the game. The scores for the individual games were 30-19 for the first game, 30-20 for the second and 30-16 for the third. This win brought the Lady Bisons' record to 11-6 and 1-1 in conference play.

CBU has a relatively new team, composed of younger players and transfers. While the Lady Bisons had seen the Lady Bucs play, they didn't play against Christian Brothers until Tuesday.

The win against CBU helped the Lady Bisons bounce back after their 3-1 loss at home to North Alabama Sept. 22. The No. 24-ranked North Alabama Lions are also the seven-time defending GSC Champions. Last year, the Lady Bisons were ranked first in the West and the Li-

ons were ranked first in the East.

The Lady Bisons traveled to Magnolia, Ark. Sept. 25 to face conference foe Southern Arkansas University.

"They're supposed to be good but we're confident," freshman middle-blocker Lynn Patten said. Results from the match were unknown at press time.

The Lady Bisons travel to Conway Sept. 30 for a conference match against the University of Central Arkansas. UCA is 8-9 overall, 1-0 in the GSC.

Last weekend the Lady Bisons played in the GSC/Lone Star Conference Crossover in Commerce, Texas. Harding played Abilene Christian University and Angelo State Sept. 19.

Sept. 20, the Bisons faced Southeastern Oklahoma and Texas A&M-Commerce. The Lady Bisons defeated every team but Texas A&M-Commerce.

"We had our chances to win but we just couldn't get it done," head coach Keith Giboney said. "We really felt we should have won that match. At times we were playing better than [Texas A&M-Commerce]."

Despite the loss, the team believes it played well and benefited from the practice. Giboney wanted to give the girls a chance to tone up before conference play began.

"We feel we're the best team in the West, our goal is to go 12-0," Giboney said. "They are confident,

but certainly not over-confident. They also know that every team is capable of beating each other in this conference."

Giboney and the Lady Bison players agreed that their main strength on the court is defense. Morrison continues to lead the GSC in digs with 299.

"I think we probably have one of the best defenses in the nation," freshman middle-blocker Katie Westmoreland said. ■

### Soccer teams to open GSC schedule tonight

The Bison and Lady Bison soccer teams will begin the Gulf South Conference schedule tonight in Memphis against Christian Brothers University.

The men are currently on a two-game winning streak.

The ladies are riding on four straight shutouts.

"[Christian Brothers] will be a big game," sophomore defender Ryan Musick said. "It will be a big confidence boost if we win."

This week, sophomore Ben Faris was named GSC Offensive Player of the Week. Freshman defender Emily Currie was named GSC Defensive Player of the Week.

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